

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a program to a client, the method comprising the steps of:
 - receiving a request for a pay per view (PPV) program from the client;
 - determining if the requested program already resides on a shared local storage device accessible to a plurality of clients;
 - if the requested program already resides on the shared local storage device accessible to a plurality of clients, retrieving the requested program from the shared local storage device ~~if the requested program resides thereon;~~ and transmitting the retrieved program to the client for display;
 - if the requested program does not already reside on the shared local storage device accessible to a plurality of clients, downloading the requested program from a remote PPV service provider to the shared local storage device ~~if the requested program does not reside on the local storage device;~~ while simultaneously transmitting the downloaded program to the client for display ~~and to the storage device for storage;~~
 - offering at least one of a pause, rewind and fast forward personal video recording service to a client for programs stored in the shared local storage device; and
 - charging the client a fee for each of the pause, rewind and fast forward personal video recording services requested.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:
 - periodically accessing a PPV page provided by the PPV service provider;
 - determining if a program listed on the PPV page is stored in the local storage device;
 - downloading the program if it is not stored in the local storage device; and
 - transmitting the downloaded program to the storage device for storage thereon.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further including the step of:
updating a video on demand page in a program guide so the page lists the title of the downloaded program.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including the step of:
updating a video on demand page in a program guide so the page lists the title of the downloaded program.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including the step of:
updating a network aggregate profile to reflect the client's request for the stored or downloaded program.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further including the steps of:
selecting programs in the network aggregate profile that meet a predetermined criteria; and
generating a popular program page in a program guide, the popular program page listing the selected programs.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the predetermined criteria is if the number of times a program has been requested exceeds a predetermined threshold.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a program to a client, the system comprising:

means for receiving a request for a pay per view (PPV) program from the client;

means for determining if the requested program already resides on a shared local storage device accessible to a plurality of clients;

means for retrieving the requested program from the shared local storage device and transmitting the retrieved program to the client for display if the requested program resides thereon;

~~means for transmitting the retrieved program to the client for display;~~

means for downloading the requested program to the shared local storage device accessible to a plurality of clients from a remote PPV service provider and simultaneously transmitting the downloaded program to the client for display if the requested program does not reside on the shared local storage device;

~~means for transmitting the downloaded program to the client for display and to the storage device for storage;~~

means for offering at least one of a pause, rewind and fast forward personal video recording service to a client for programs stored in the shared local storage device; and

means for charging the client a fee for each of the pause, rewind and fast forward personal video recording services requested.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, further comprising:

means for periodically accessing a PPV page provided by the PPV service provider;

means for determining if a program listed on the PPV page is stored in the local storage device;

means for downloading the program if it is not stored in the local storage device;

and

means for transmitting the downloaded program to the storage device for storage thereon.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for updating a video on demand page in a program guide so the page lists the title of the downloaded program.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, further comprising:

means for updating a video on demand page in a program guide so the page lists the title of the downloaded program.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, further comprising:

means for updating a network aggregate profile to reflect the client's request for the stored or downloaded program.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:

means for selecting programs in the network aggregate profile that meet a predetermined criteria; and

means for generating a popular program page in a program guide, the popular program page listing the selected programs.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein the predetermined criteria is if the number of times a program has been requested exceeds a predetermined threshold.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)